

**MINUTES OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY
TENANT-LANDLORD COMMISSION**

November 20, 2008

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Conference Room #9
Chair Liff presiding

Attendees:

Commissioners: McRae, Kocsis, Gomez,
Kiffney, Geier-Smith, Aho, Liff

Absentees:

None

Staff Attending:

Michael S. Liberman, Director
Cable Communications and Consumer
Protection
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief
Consumer Affairs
Vee Johnson, Staff Liaison
Consumer Affairs Branch

The meeting was called to order at 7:35p.m. by Chair Liff.

Minutes

The October 16, 2008, minutes were approved.

Reports

- Chair Liff commented about the challenges created because of evolving economic issues and commented about the county budget. Chair Liff is pleased that sessions are being conducted throughout the county to give citizens an opportunity to provide input about upcoming budget decisions.
- **Committee reports**

There were no committee reports.

Staff Reports

- Director Liberman outlined the process that will be followed to fill the vacancy on the County Board of Supervisors as a result of Chairman Gerald E. Connolly becoming congressman-elect. It is expected that a special election will be conducted in February.
- Director Liberman will present the agency's Lines of Business to the Board of Supervisors in December. He discussed proposed budget reductions and the fact that revenue projections continue to decrease for FY 2010.
- Liaison Johnson reported that Consumer Affairs continues to partner with other agencies to conduct foreclosure information meetings. Planning is underway to offer this information in each of the supervisors' district in 2009.
- There were no questions or comments regarding the statistical reports.

Commission Matters

- The attendance record was circulated and approved.
- There are currently three vacancies, one landlord, one citizen, and one tenant.
- Chair Liff suggested that each Commissioner recommend a potential nominee to the Board of Supervisors in order to fill the existing vacancies.
- Commissioner Kiffney inquired about rentals during the upcoming presidential inaugural in January. Liaison Johnson provided information regarding short term rentals, and agencies that have rules and regulations regarding rentals. However, the challenge to monitor or enforce any actions would be extremely difficult.

Old Business

1. Tenant-Landlord brochure

- Feedback received regarding the Spanish version of the TLC brochure was reviewed by Commissioners Kocsis and Gomez. More edits were suggested by Commissioner Kocsis.

Old Buisness

- Fairfax County Apartment Communities List.

Liaison Johnson circulated the working copy of the apartment communities list that is being compiled. The goal is to have a comprehensive record of communities in the county for reference and communication through postal as well as electronic mail. Comments and suggestions by the Commissioners were noted.

New Business

- Nomination of slate of candidates.

In accordance with Article IV of the Bylaws, the biennial election of the Chair and the annual election of the Vice-Chairs and Secretary will be scheduled for the February meeting. The slate of candidates will be nominated from the floor at the December meeting. Commissioners will consider their willingness and ability to serve.

- Holiday Gathering.

The Commission will conduct their Annual Holiday Dinner at Bravos Restaurant, located at 11250 James Swart Circle in Fairfax County. Staff will make a reservation for 7:15p.m. The regular meeting will start at 6:30p.m. and business will be concluded by 7:00p.m.

- Outreach events.

Liaison Johnson will provide information relating to the impact of foreclosure on tenants at the International Ethiopian Evangelical Church on Sunday, December 7, 2008, at 7930 Eastern Avenue, N.W. in Washington, D. C.

- Guest invitations.

No suggestions were offered at this time.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:26p.m.